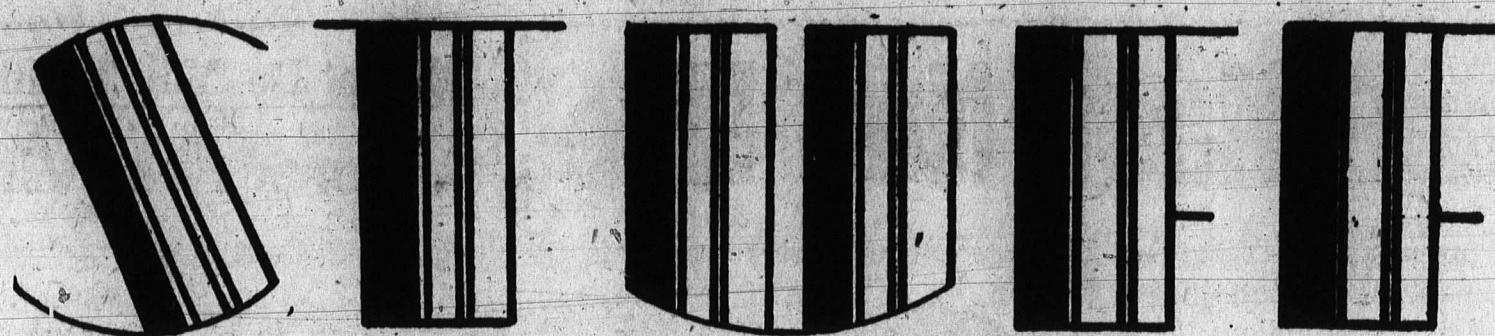


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FIBBER McGEE, MOLLY TO BE HONORED

Lafayette Ordinary On Freedom Series

The Most Rev. John G. Bennett, bishop of the diocese of Lafayette, will open a series of talks entitled "American Freedom in Action," April 7, in the college auditorium, when he will deliver an address, "When Will World War III Begin?" The series is being presented by the Very Rev. Henry Lucks, president of St. Joseph's, as an answer to the challenge of Communism in American education and in the American community.

"There is an appalling evidence of the rise of Communism in some part of our press, in motion pictures, and in many other agencies which reach deeply into the minds, hearts, and souls of American citizens," Father Lucks stated in announcing the series. "We hope that these talks will perform two very necessary services: first, help all of us to better understand and appreciate what life in America means; and second, to bring students some clear-cut career previews so that they may better select and prepare for the work they will do when they leave St. Joseph's."

Bishop Bennett will be followed by outstanding personalities from the fields of industry, business, journalism, radio, advertising, medicine, research, and government. The series will be a continuing service to the entire community of Collegeville.

Choristers Give Gaelic Program

Sure, and it was a great night for the Irish, when St. Joseph's Glee Club presented a St. Patrick's Day program in the auditorium, last Wednesday night.

The evening's entertainment got underway with a splendid rendition of Volti's "Irish Overture," by the College Band, followed by vocal numbers by the Glee Club and two soloists, Mr. Connor, assistant professor of music, and senior Bernard Whaley. The singing of familiar Irish ballads struck a responsive chord in the hearts of their audience. Several encores were demanded.

The singing of "The Four Micks"—Bernard Whaley, Harry Martinbianco, Phil Powers, and Don Horst—was enthusiastically received and loudly applauded, when this quartet made its initial appearance on the local stage.

The second half of the program featured a one-act play, "To Kill a Man." The characters of this comedy-drama were ably portrayed by Harry Martinbianco, Pat Purdy, and Bill Ryan.

The evening came to an end with the community singing of "My Wild Irish Rose" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

Musical Program
Irish 'Overture'—Volti
College Band
The Galway Piper—Old Irish
Speak to Me of Love—Lenoir
Glee Club
The Same Old Shillelah—Old Irish
Dear Old Donegal—Old Irish
Bernard Whaley
My Land is Your Land—Romberg
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Jim and Marian Jordan, or rather, Fibber McGee and Molly, America's number one Mr. and Mrs. of radio comedy, who will receive honorary degrees on the campus, April 15.

Brandon's Band May Play for Annual Prom

Plans for the Senior Prom, May 15, are rapidly materializing, it has been announced by James Dolan, Junior Class vice-president in charge of the prom.

As in former years, tuxedos may be rented from Leo Lavin of Hammond. Mr. Lavin will be here in the conference room in the Administration building, to measure the students for suits, on April 27 or 28. Rental of a tuxedo, which will include coat, trousers, shirt with French cuffs, and tie, will be \$7.50. It is suggested that those who wish to rent tuxes be on hand the day Mr. Lavin will be here. Delivery will be made on May 14.

The band committee, with Bill Brennan as chairman, is making efforts to secure Henry Brandon's orchestra, one of the most popular dance bands in the Chicago area.

Father Martin Leads Summer Session

The Rev. Henry Martin, director of the testing bureau at St. Joseph's, has been appointed director of the summer session to be held here from June 28 to Aug. 6. Registration for the six-week session will take place June 26 and 27.

No more than six hours of credit can be obtained during the term. Classes will be scheduled only in the morning, with the possible exception of the laboratory courses. A schedule of the courses to be offered, along with their instructors, will be released in the Summer Session Catalog.

Elizabethan Play Declared Success

Forceful portrayal of characters, clear diction, varied and colorful scenes brought Rome, Calais, Oxford, Stratford-on-Avon, Queen Elizabeth's court, and the gruesome Tower of London right to the center of the college campus, Thursday evening, March 11, when 35 members of the Curtain Club presented Who Ride on White Horses on the stage of the College Theatre.

This 16th century drama, narrating the life and death of Blessed Edmund Campion, one of the hundreds who suffered martyrdom in the reign of England's Queen Elizabeth, was splendidly acted, with Bob Hunt, veteran member of the Curtain Club, carrying the leading role. He was ably supported by a well-trained cast of Xavirites, under the direction of the Rev. Lawrence Heiman, moderator of the club.

Divided into 10 scenes, each scene a different setting, the play required an efficient stage crew, which did an outstanding job under the direction of Earl Greenburg.

Indicates Interest In Business Papers

More than forty St. Joe men are interested in hearing an address on the nature and function of business papers by an authority in the field, according to a recent campus-wide survey conducted by the news bureau.

The speakers bureau of the Associated Business Papers, in an effort to acquaint more students with the manner in which these trade publications serve every business, industry and profession, will send an official to St. Joseph's soon after Easter.

Popular Radio Comedians Will Receive Degrees Here

Jim and Marian Jordan, known to radio fans throughout the nation as Fibber McGee and Molly, will receive honorary degrees here on the campus of St. Joseph's on April 15, it was announced, last week, by the Very Rev. Henry Lucks, president of the college.

According to Father Lucks, the Jordans will receive the doctor of laws in recognition of "outstanding good taste and all-round family acceptability," which has been characteristic of this Catholic couple in 30 years of entertainment on the stage and in radio. Since Molly's birthday falls on April 15, it will be a particularly special day for the McGees.

Senate Committee Approves Entrance For 100,000 DP's

The plight of displaced persons in Europe seems to be more strikingly before the American people than at any time in the past, and it is possible that growing public opinion will lead Congress to show-down action on this issue after it completes consideration of the European Recovery Program, according to the Rev. Joseph Hiller, director of Displaced Persons Resettlement in the Diocese of Lafayette.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has approved a bill which would admit 100,000 European DP's during the next two years. This has been called "pitifully, indeed shamefully, inadequate," but this same critic, The Washington Post, has said editorially that it represents the breaking of a log jam in Congress. This may well be so.

The Senate Committee's bill contains a number of qualifications on the admittance of even the 100,000 DP's. The Washington Post calls them "harassing restrictions" and says they make the measure "administratively unworkable." The paper strikes a hopeful note, however, by concluding: "We have no doubt that when the aroused conscience of Congress is at last allowed to come to grips with this problem, it will meet it in accordance with the American tradition of generosity to the homeless and the oppressed."

There are indications that some members of Congress will seek to introduce more liberal measures of their own, striking somewhere between the Senate Judiciary Committee bill admitting 100,000 DP's and the Stratton bill, calling for the admittance of 400,000.

Public sentiment appears to be growing in favor of action, and, as the gravity of the situation becomes more appreciated, the feeling seems to be for a more generous attitude on the part of the United States.

Condolence

STUFF joins with the faculty and the entire student body in an expression of deepest sympathy to senior Joseph Freed whose father died recently in York, Pa.

The couple, whose show has led the Radio Acceptance Poll in all except one week of balloting, will leave Hollywood by train after their April 13 broadcast and will return to the film capitol in time for rehearsal of their following Tuesday's show. The McGee and Molly half hour, heard over the National Broadcasting Company at 8 P.M. on Tuesdays, has built a tremendous following since its inception in 1935. The McGees present the best comedy on the air as is testified by the largest listening audience in radio.

Jim Jordan and Marian first met in their hometown of Peoria, Ill., when Jim, 17, and Marian, 16, were both members of St. John's Choir. It was love at first sight. After a year's courtship, the two were married on Aug. 31, 1918. Five days later Jim was on a troop train bound for Camp Forrest, Ga. Six weeks later he landed in Brest, France. When the armistice was signed, Jim was flat on his back with influenza.

It was the war that turned Jordan to show business. Following the armistice, he was attached to the entertainment division, and staged shows throughout France. It wasn't until July, 1919 that he returned to Marian in Peoria. After his return, the restless Jordan held a succession of jobs, none of which satisfied him. In the evenings the Jordans performed in clubs. It was then that Ralph Miller, an advance man for a theatrical company, convinced them that they had a future in show business. This was in 1920. For the next five years the couple did vaudeville shows throughout Illinois, encountering numerous hardships and disappointments along the way. Finally, broke and disgusted, Jim and Marian returned to Peoria where Jim became a clerk in a dry-goods store.

They entered radio through a dare. While listening to a broadcast in Chicago, Jim remarked, "We could do a better job of singing than anyone on that program." "Ten dollars says you can't," dared his brother. Jim and his wife went to the station and, telling the manager they could sing, were on the air before they knew what was happening. So it was that two people who would one day make kilocycle history started on their radio careers. They did broadcasts in Chicago for a while and were doing well when in 1931 they met Don Quinn, a discouraged cartoonist, who thought he could write for radio. The Jordan-Quinn combination started by doing a five-day-a-week skit over N.B.C. Quinn has been writing for them ever since.

It was in 1935 that the Jordans received their "big break," when the Johnson Wax Company signed them to do a comedy program once every week. It was at this time that Fibber McGee and Molly

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Communism Must Not Live

The big guns of American propaganda—recognized by some as the most powerful in the world—are being trained on Communism in high places and in its ratholes. Our democracy has awakened to the dangers of this most vicious form of modern atheism. The press, the radio, the motion pictures seem determined to purge America of this gnawing, ruthless cancer. A great and strong beginning has been made. Some voices are proclaiming that the war is already won. Communism cannot live in America, says this optimistic chorus, once Americans fully understand its aims and methods, and perceive its shameful results. It cannot survive the scorching light of a complete expose. It is perfectly true that Communism cannot live in America, or in any freedom-loving country for very long, because it lacks the source of all life, God, and like all tyranny, it bears within itself the seed of its own destruction.

But Communism is not yet dead, and can be a long time in the dying. It taxes every ounce of Eternal Vigilance. Every small breach in the economic system affords ingress to communist-inspired dissatisfaction and revolt; every small wound in the social body attracts the infesting germs of communistic falsities that feed on human misery; every small lapse of vigilance in education—Democracy's bulwark—is the signal for the parasitic army of Communism to storm the heights. The war continues; the whole task of eradication cannot be left in the hands of the press and its allies, the radio and motion pictures. Powerful as these forces are, skilled as their approaches may be, they cannot protect the entire front; they need the combined help of every agency that reaches to the American heart and mind, or that touches in any manner the life of American citizens.

This means that government, the professions in their services, business and industry as employers, labor, agriculture, distribution, and especially religion and education as agencies of inspiration and enlightenment must all lend their weight and influence and armor. All of these parts of American life must join with the press, radio and motion pictures under the banner of God to beat Communism to its knees from which position it may find God.

St. Joseph's is undertaking its part in this effort in a series of talks, generally entitled, "American Freedom in Action." Through these, leaders from all fields of American endeavor will be brought to the college rostrum to renew our faith in our nation, its institutions, its opportunities, and in the God Who has made them all ours. —H. A. L. in "Contact", March 1948.

School Spirit

We realize we are treading on uncertain ground when we again attempt to discuss the subject of school spirit. It is not our intention to keep throwing this subject before the residents of Collegeville; as a matter of fact, the students should not have to be reminded that a certain amount of spirit and cooperation is necessary to the success of any project or institution.

An evident and disturbing lack of spirit and cooperation characterizes the populace of St. Joseph's. During the football season, the basketball campaign, for various drives, activities and entertainments on the campus, school spirit has been all but non-existent. It reached its lowest ebb recently when approximately 50 students turned out for a play in the college auditorium.

There is a large number of veterans among the students who cannot see the old "rah-rah" stuff, and this we can fully appreciate. But the lack of spirit and cooperation is prevalent not only among the veterans, but among non-veterans as well. The facilities for a number of student activities on the campus are not the best. But taking into consideration the fact that there are many veterans at St. Joseph's and inadequate facilities, still it is difficult to see how the spirit could be so low in every field of endeavor on the campus.

We cannot offer a miraculous solution

for the problem at hand. But we feel that the solution is an old one and lies solely in the hands of the students. It is they who make the school what it is. Let them support all its activities. Then, and only then, will there be school spirit of which all of us can be proud.

EASTER WISHES

Next Sunday, we celebrate the anniversary of Christ's Resurrection from the dead. To the world the day means rabbits and colored finery and an Easter parade, but to us Catholics it is a day of special significance, for it commemorates the day whereon Christ gave us the strongest proof of His Divinity, and a pledge of our own future resurrection. May the grace of the Risen Christ fill our hearts and abide with us forever!

A Blessed Easter to all!

Gag Busters . . .

Terry Adams has been touring local jewelry stores. It seems that he is looking for a precious gem, known in the language of the underworld as a sparkler.

Flash: A small band of ruffians were seen, last week, leaving the Office of the Dean of Men. Their familiar chant, "I'll be home for Easter," could be heard through the corridors.

Joe "Lockport Flash" Broderick has been traded by the Chicago White Sox of the American League to St. Joseph's College, Collegeville. Terms of the transaction have not been disclosed, but it is rumored that the Sox asked a broken bat and a sack of salted peanuts in return for "The Flash's" services.

Add to the famous "Dear John" Club: Ray "Rainbow" O'Donnell, the ex-Midlothian terror. Tony "Dollface" Galvin, who has finally managed to steer clear of Harriet's lariat.

Part Two of the escapades of "Lightning" Mangan: The Selective Service Act will undoubtedly take "Lightning" away from the campus for a few years. We shall, therefore, have to discontinue the serial, and in its place we shall have a new story entitled: "The Adventures of Margie Joyce." And to "Lightning" who agreed so readily to the story of his love-life in these pages, we are donating a five-year subscription to our new and permanent serial.

"Killer" Riede is wild about calisthenics, especially the "jumping jack." Witness his practice, morning, noon and night! Butch Jones and Jim Beane, who are directing the exercises for the aspiring baseball players, marvel over Riede's calisthenic ability.

Tom Sacher, Upper Noll freshman, showed up Tuesday afternoon with red hair. The source of the dye is rumored to be somebody's wet paint.

It is campus talk that Dave "Bright Eyes" Coady never sees daylight until afternoon rolls around. Second-floor Gaspar Hall philanthropists have kicked in a "kitty" to buy Coady a seeing-eye dog, whose duty it will be to awaken "Bright Eyes" promptly at 7:50 A.M. for his 8:00 o'clock class, and lead him to his classes, all morning.

A staid upperclassman has voiced resentment toward our portrayal of the romantic caperings of some of the students, in this column, terming it "high-schoolish." This deep thinker would, we suppose, have us discuss molecules and compounds. Perhaps he went to the wrong high school; most college men enjoy these caperings.

Recent episode in the hectic halls of Drexel: A mouse, after being caught, was drowned in the washroom. When humanitarian Frank Blanford failed to revive it by artificial respiration, he turned "doctor" and began operating on it with his dissecting equipment. His audience, wishing to retain their appetites, prevailed upon him not to be a mad butcher, and, when last seen, they were leading him to the quiet confines of his room. This was the "surgeon's" first case.

What Do You Think?

Here Are Views of a Few

Since it is at this time of the year that Hollywood annually awards its "Oscar" for the outstanding movie of the year and for the best performances on the screen, STUFF decided to question a few of the moviegoers concerning the pictures that were filmed during the past year.

Executives of the film industry have been very outspoken in expressing their disappointment over the pictures that were made in Hollywood last year. Quite a few of the movies were absolute flops and many of these cost a small fortune to make. Also many established stars of the silver screen were tumbled from their positions because of miscasting, poor stories, or mediocre performances. Yes, it has been a rather trying year for the populace of the movie capitol, but nevertheless there were a few good pictures, and it is with this in mind that we asked the following question "What was the best motion picture you saw on the American screen during the past year?"

Frank Blanford, Louisville, Ky., sophomore, considered the British production, *Odd Man Out*, the best picture he had seen during the year. "The story was down to earth, the acting was superb, and the scenery unique," he stated. "I saw this picture three times and would willingly see it again," declared Blanford.

The picture, *Great Expectations*, drew the vote of sophomore Tom Reagan, of Lake Wawasee, Ind. "The film boasted excellent acting and a very good plot. The psychological effect it produced upon the audience was most unique," said Reagan.

The choice of Steve Zabrecky, Whiting, Ind., senior, was *Welcome Stranger*, the Leo McCarey production. "This picture is typical of the continuous fine perfor-

mances turned in by Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald," asserted Zabrecky. "The plot of the movie is somewhat akin to that of *Going My Way*, but it differs sufficiently to make the picture more than entertaining. In my estimation, those who did not see *Welcome Stranger* missed the finest motion picture of the year."

"The Great Waltz displays and encourages the music of the masters." Thus spoke Tony Serewicz, Chicago sophomore. "The picture helps to infuse culture into the modern age and shows the superiority of the higher class type over the modern progressive jazz."

Herman Reas, senior from De-fiance, O., proclaimed *Song of Love* as one of the best productions of the year. "Besides the beautiful music of two masters, Schumann and Brahms, this film portrays family life with its joys and sorrows in simple moving dignity." Reas continued, "It portrays love between man and wife and between an outsider and this man's family, not as pagan love, but as Christian love."

A sophomore from Kalida, O., Clarence Burwell, appreciated *Captain from Castile* more than any other Hollywood creation of the past year. Burwell said, "Besides having an excellent plot, good acting, and excellent technicolor photography, this picture refuted misconception concerning the Spanish Inquisition."

"It is my opinion that once in a lifetime a really great motion picture is made, and the English picture, *Odd Man Out* struck me as being one of these," began Gerald Shine, The Glenwood, Ill., sophomore added, "The English company that filmed this picture made the most realistic, most superbly acted motion picture that I have ever had the pleasure to see."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All World War II veterans enrolled for education or training under the G-I Bill or Public Law 16 will receive, with their March subsistence checks an explanation of the provisions of Public Law 411 which increases subsistence allowances to certain groups of trainees.

The enclosure will explain that only veterans taking full-time courses of education in schools, colleges and universities will be entitled to the increased allowances. The new payments, effective with the periods of training on and after April 1, will be at the monthly rate of \$75 for a veteran without dependents, \$105 for a veteran with more than one dependent.

The message will explain that eligible veterans who are entitled to \$75 or \$105 under the new rates will not have to apply for the increased allowances. Existing applications will supply all the information needed to pay the new benefits. These veterans, therefore, need not write VA, since their increases will be paid automatically.

The note will include instructions to veteran-trainees entitled to \$120 because they have more than one dependent. It will direct

them to submit the information about their additional dependents needed before payments at the new rate can be made.

For complete information regarding veteran's benefits, get in touch with Veterans Administration Office, Purdue University, Green River Building, 545 Northwestern Avenue, West Lafayette, Indiana.

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"Sightseeing plus insight" is the keynote of the more than twenty studytours offered to college students and described in an illustrated booklet just issued by World Studytours, of the Columbia University Travel Service. World Studytours, non-profit educational corporation, was the first agency to undertake student travel to Europe after the war. They arranged one study tour in the summer of 1946 and six last summer. Studytours for 1948 vary in length from 21 days to 97 days, and in cost from \$230 to \$1960. They include Eastern Europe, behind the alleged iron curtain, as well as Western Europe, South America, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, and points of interest in the United States.

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St. Joe Runner-up at Midlands Meet

Marty, Klueh On St. Joe's Opponent Five

Merlin Marty, of Loras College, and Duane Kleuh, of Indiana State, were unanimous choices for the No. 1 and No. 2 berths on the St. Joseph's All-Opponent basketball team, according to a STUFF sports poll taken among the Puma varsity members at the close of the season. The first team choices are as follows:

Forward—Merlin Marty, Loras College.

Forward—Duane Kleuh, Indiana State.

Center—Johnny Wilson, Anderson College.

Guard—Jim Doyle, Butler University.

Guard—"Whitey" Kachan, De Paul University.

Other players drawing votes from the St. Joe netters were: Ted Bean, Valparaiso; "Mickey" McBride, Indiana Central; Ed Mikan, De Paul; Chuck Allen, De Paul; Dave Wareham, Loras; Bob Royer, Indiana State; Pete Coorlas, De Paul; Jerry Cranny, Butler; and Kosnar of St. Norbert.

Marty well deserves the choice of basketball enemy No. 1. It was the Loras "Wonder" who cut down St. Joe's chances of copping the Midlands Conference crown, for Merlin sank 23 points to almost personally account for the Collegeville 47-45 setback at the hands of Loras. "Mickey" has amassed a season's total of 575 points in 28 games for a 20.5 average—pretty good shooting in anybody's books.

Duane Kleuh, the Indiana State flash, was tagged as nemesis No. 2 on the strength of his brilliant rebounding, as well as his uncanny shooting. Kleuh was considered one of the fastest things in a basketball uniform to hit the field-house floor this year.

Jim Doyle of Butler received votes from all but one of the Puma cagers, as he took over the No. 3 spot on the squad. Doyle was the main cog in the Butler triumph over St. Joe, as he hit 18 points, set up numerous plays, and fought a brilliant game on defense.

Johnny Wilson of Anderson drew a very decisive ballot for the center position. "Jumpin' Johnny" tallied 33 points against St. Joe's, this year, to drag down honors for the highest single scoring spree against the Puma team. Standing only six-foot one-inch in height, Wilson is said to have once touched the rim of the basket with his elbow while going up for a rebound, such is his ability for stratospheric acrobatics.

"Whitey" Kachan, of the University of De Paul, drew the fifth berth on the squad. Kachan's spectacular drive-in shots and all-round team play earned him his position on the 1948 mythical squad.

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St. Joe's basketball representatives at the recent Midlands Extramural Tournament were the Fairies, "A" League Champs. Standing l. to r., Lou Methenitis, Don Quinn, Bub Greif, Roy Stone, Tom Quinn, and Al Cantieri. Kneeling l. to r., Bob Ensner, Dick Briede, Joe Gavin, and Tom Brell.

Puma Baseball Team Opens 1948 Season Against Indiana U.

The St. Joe baseball team will tangle with Indiana University at Bloomington, Ind., in the Pumas' season opener, according to Coach Dick Scharf, mastermind of the 1948 Collegeville horsehide crew. A definite date for the game has not been set, but it is probable that the contest will be played on April 9 or 10.

After a week of inside calisthenics, Coach Scharf broke his squad from the confinement of the fieldhouse, and had the diamond hopefuls loping around in fresh air and open spaces for the first time last Wednesday.

"Lot of fellas out," said Dick, looking over some fifty or sixty candidates who were busily engaged chasing fly balls, playing pepper, and going through infield routine. And this was about all anyone could say upon seeing a training camp so early in the season.

However, an infield combination of "Cy" Bohney at third base, Keller Riede at short, Alex Meylon on second, and Clarence Kuhn at first, looked like the best combination at the first day's outing. Some five or six sets of infielders went through the loosening up motions of tossing the leather spheroid.

George Bauer, first-string shortstop, last year, should bolster both the infield and pitching staff. Bauer is considered a good fielder and is also rated as the possessor of a pretty potent wing.

The Pumas' first home contest is scheduled for April 20, when Wabash makes its appearance on the Collegeville diamond. 15 games in all compose the 1948 agenda, with only six of the contests being played at home.

Spring Grid Drills To Commence April 5

Dick Scharf, head football coach at St. Joe's, has announced that the opening of the spring football drills will take place April 5, after Easter vacation.

The spring drills are considered of great importance, as a very heavy schedule faces the Pumas come Fall. The schedule will consist of nine games but only seven are definitely carded. Four home games will be played on the Collegeville campus. The schedule is as follows:

Sept. 25—Ball State — here
Oct. 2—Louisville U. — there
Oct. 9—Valparaiso U. — there
Oct. 17—Loras College — there
Oct. 24—St. Ambrose — here
Oct. 31—Open Date
Nov. 6—Indiana State — here
Nov. 14—St. Norbert — here

Track, Tennis Meets On Spring Schedule; Linksters See Action

The department of athletics has announced that Golf, Track and Tennis teams will be fielded this spring at St. Joe. The golf team will be coached by Father Marcellus Dreiling, and practice will start as soon as weather permits. Father Dreiling requests that all aspirants bring their clubs back from Easter vacation.

Art Cosgrove and Jim Puett will coach the track squad. Approximately five meets have been carded besides the Little State meet. Tryouts and practice will start as soon as weather permits.

Father Roof will again pilot the tennis team. Several meets have been carded in tennis already. The STUFF sports page will carry further information on schedules and practices in future issues.

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Puma Volleyball Squad Wins; Barrientos Cops Ping-pong Title

In the first annual Midlands Conference Extramural Tournament, held at St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa, the host school walked off with the championship, taking three firsts and one second place, for a grand total of 19 points in the five-sport tourney.

St. Joseph's winning two firsts and one second, was close behind Ambrose with 13 points. Loras with three points was third, and St. Norbert failed to tally a counter in the competition.

St. Joseph's scored its two firsts in volleyball and ping-pong. Angel Barrientos, a Van Wert, Ohio lad, who seems to be equally proficient with either a basketball or a ping-pong paddle, put on a sensational display of finesse, by disposing of Ambrose's Daley and Loras' Benson. Barrientos coped the title with an effective backhand and a slashing forehand, and time and time again returned vicious shots that seemed impossible to handle.

This tourney, held between the four M.C. schools is the first of its kind in intercollegiate history. The idea for such a playoff between intramural champions of colleges was first conceived by Father Edward Roof, of St. Joseph's to whom much credit must be given for the fine style of the first meet.

Fred "Butch" Jones, St. Joe intramural director, cannot be denied his share of praise. "Butch" organized and equipped, here at St. Joseph's, what was considered as the best intramural program of any Midlands College.

Loras, St. Joseph, St. Ambrose, and St. Norbert were the four colleges that participated in the first 1948 tourney. St. Benedict could not send a representative squad because of the long distance.

St. Joseph's was awarded the honor of host school for the 1949 tourney. The Midlands Conference will also join the N.C.A.A., which will enable all M.C. members to enter any tournament held by the National Collegiate Association of America.

Staucet, Gil Hodges Advance in Pro Ball

Frankie Staucet, a St. Joseph's student from East Chicago, Ind., has reported to Albany, N. Y., of the Eastern League, for Spring Baseball training. Staucet played shortstop for Selma, Ala., in the Southeastern League, last season, and hit .290. Frank, a Junior at St. Joe's, is a member of the Pittsburgh Pirate organization.

Another former student of St. Joseph's, Gil Hodges, is in training with the Brooklyn Dodgers in Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. Hodges made his first World Series appearance, last year, when he appeared in a pinch-hitting role in the final game of the series between the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Charlie Hodges, older brother of Gil and also a student at Collegeville, is likewise in professional baseball. Charlie proved his worth as a hurler on the 1947 Puma baseball squad and later signed a contract with Auburn, N. Y. After spending some time with Auburn he was optioned to Mahanoy City in the North Atlantic league. The former St. Joe moundsman won three and lost six for Mahanoy, after winning four and dropping two for the Puma baseball squad.

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McGee Program Does It Again; Leads 20th Week RAP Balloting

The Fibber McGee and Molly program retained first place in the Radio Acceptance Poll's twentieth week of balloting as the college students of America gave the show a rating of 85.0. Henry Morgan's show placed a close second with 84.5. Charlie McCarthy was third, Jimmy Durante fourth, and the Jack Benny program fifth. The Abbot and Costello half hour was last with a 40.0 rating. Lou Costello scored low for individual performers.

Howard Petrie, of the Jimmy Durante program, headed the list of individual performers, with 94.0. Girard, of the Henry Morgan show, followed with 89.0, and Molly McGee and Henry Morgan were tied for third, with 88.0.

A total of 12,560 ballots and 49,410 individual votes have been cast so far in the poll.

MORE ABOUT—

Fibber McGee

were born. The success of these two grand people has been unquestionable, and if ever two persons deserve success, Jim and Marian Jordan certainly do.

The Jordans have been happily married now for 30 years. They have two children, Kathryn, 27, and Jim, Jr., 25.

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Miller Reports

I. J. C. Success

A total of \$75.28 was collected during the Scholarship Drive conducted recently on the campus, it was announced early this week by Jim Miller, Interracial Club chairman. This is an average of slightly better than 10 cents per student.

The sum gathered here will be added to collections from other schools to establish negro scholarships which will begin next semester. Tests to determine those who will benefit from the scholarships, will be given to the negro applicants. The content of the examinations is to be decided by the faculty of the school granting the scholarship. Applicants will be accepted from anywhere in the United States.

Photos for Yearbook Prepared by Staff

Phase, the college annual, will be completed and on the campus by May 30, according to editor Warren Freeman. The dummy copy has been prepared and all pictures will be in the hands of the engraver before Easter. The Benton Review Publishing Company of Fowler, Ind. is handling the task of printing the book.

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Fr. Roof Gives Dinner Speech

On Tuesday, March 9, Father Edward Roof, Director of Athletics at St. Joseph's College, spoke at a testimonial banquet given in honor of the Brook high school basketball sectional champions, at Brook, Ind.

Father Roof pointed out the wonderful community spirit that backed the Brook team to the championship, and stated that athletics is the one agency which will unite a whole school more than any other factor.

Dick Scharf, football coach of St. Joe's, and Fred Jones, St. Joe intramural director, were both introduced to the crowd. Joe Dienhart, former head coach and director of athletics at St. Joe and now line coach at Purdue, also spoke.

MORE ABOUT—

Choristers

Where the River Shannon Flows
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I Met Her in the Garden Where
the Praties Grow—Old Irish
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Club 201 Bows To FACCS Five; Begin 2nd Half

N. Y. Junior Takes Post

At a recent meeting of the Monogram Club Bill Ciminelli, Rochester, N. Y. sophomore, was elected secretary to replace Bob Ensner who left school.

The drawing to determine the winner of the Zenith table model combination radio and phonograph, being given away by the Monogram Club, will be held at the ping-pong-exhibition early in April. The date of the exhibition is not as yet definite.

Announcement

Dr. Lawrence R. Bowman, Optometrist, a graduate of Ohio State University, has opened offices, first door east of the Clinic, for the professional practice of Optometry. Phone 79.



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